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Mr. Roger Madsen  
Task Force Support Team Leader  
C/O Idaho Department of Labor  
317 West Main Street  
Boise, Idaho 83735

Dear Mr. Madsen:

On November 6, 2002, the members of the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees adopted the enclosed resolution supporting Idaho State Library services to public and school libraries.

The Library Board of Trustees has adopted this resolution, also adopted by the Idaho Library Association membership on October 4, 2002. We urge you to preserve the Idaho State Library services because of the many benefits these services have provided to Idaho citizens at local public and school libraries.

The Boise Public Library regularly benefits from the Idaho State Library services including the following: assistance in developing a long-range strategic plan, essential for applying and receiving federal dollars; assistance in applying for federal grant dollars including the Universal Services Discount e-rate program; and consultation services for various public library services including technology services, reference services, and marketing practices for local libraries. Additionally, the Idaho State Library provides valuable training experiences for library staff members and board members helping improve skills to deliver quality services to our patrons.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to the citizens of our state is the statewide online subscription database service, LILI, which provides access to every citizen of the state at every public and school library. Without the Idaho State Library's network support services, many libraries, including the Boise Public Library could not afford to provide the diverse databases and a system of links to public library catalogs that LILI provides.

Idaho State Library services have helped improve library service quality for the citizens of Boise. Thank you for reviewing the enclosed resolution adopted by the members of the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Carol Bounds  
President  
Boise Public Library Board of Trustees

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## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF THE SERVICES OF THE IDAHO STATE LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature established the Idaho State Library in 1901 to "give advice and counsel to all free libraries and to all public school libraries in the State, and to all communities which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, the selection of books, cataloging, and other details of library management," and;

WHEREAS, in 1957 Governor Robert Smylie delegated authority to the Idaho State Library for the administration of federal Library Service Act funds, which continues today as the Library Services and Technology Act, to promote the extension and improvement of library services, and;

WHEREAS, the 1957 Legislature increased the Idaho State Library appropriation 154% (from \$29,500 to \$75,000) for the biennial budget to qualify for Library Service Act funds, and;

WHEREAS, the 1972 Legislature established that the Idaho State Library shall have responsibility for a State Documents Depository and directed all state entities to deposit copies of documents of a public nature for public distribution to be used and distributed to academic, regional, public and special libraries in Idaho, the Library of Congress, and others, and;

WHEREAS, the 1973 Legislature designated the Idaho State Library to provide library services to Idahoans with print disabilities in conjunction with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and;

WHEREAS, the 1998 Legislature stated, "The State of Idaho recognizes that libraries are uniquely suited to making the benefits of information and information technologies available to the citizens of the state of Idaho."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees, meeting in Boise, ID, on November 6, 2002, urge that the above services of the Idaho State Library continue to be funded through the State General Account for the benefit of all Idahoans.

Approved by the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees  
November 6, 2002  
Boise, Idaho